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SUBJ: RENEWAL OF MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT

REF: EC BRUSSELS 4512

1. AN ECONMIN TRADE POLICY OFFICIAL, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN
EARLIER BILATERAL EFFORTS TO REACH A COMPROMISE WITH
THE FRENCH, TOLD EMBOFF ON MAY 4 THAT HE DID NOT SEE
MANY GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM IN OUTCOME OF COUNCIL
DISCUSSION OF MFA. THE BRITISH DID BACK DOWN,
INDICATING THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT MFA RENEWAL PROVIDED
CERTAIN CONDITIONS WERE MET. HOWEVER, NO DISCUSSION
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WAS HELD ON THESE CONDITIONS, SINCE THE FRENCH REMAINED
ADAMANT IN FAVOR OF GLOBALIZATION.

2. THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD
CONSULT BILATERALLY WITH MEMBER STATES, IN PREPARATION
FOR JUNE 7 COUNCIL, WHEN ANOTHER ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE
TO REACH AGREEMENT ON MFA MANDATE. ACCORDING TO OUR

SOURCE, DAVIGNON HIMSELF WILL VISIT PARIS TO TAKE THIS
UP WITH BARRE.

3. IN DISCUSSING FRENCH CONCEPT OF GLOBALIZATION,
SOURCE NOTED THAT AN IMPORTANT GROUND FOR FRG
OPPOSITION IS THAT GLOBALIZATION IMPLIES ZERO (OR
NEGATIVE) GROWTH, WHICH WOULD FRUSTRATE FRG EFFORTS
TO SHIFT THE BURDEN OF ACCEPTING TEXTILE IMPORTS
TOWARDS THE UK, FRANCE, AND OTHER EC MEMBERS. QUOTAS
BEING NEGOTIATED UNDER EC BILATERALS ARE DESIGNED TO
BEGIN SHIFTING THE DIRECTION OF THIS TRADE. SOURCE
NOTED THAT FRG PRESENTLY ACCOUNTS FOR 50 PERCENT OF EC
TEXTILE IMPORTS, AND THAT FRG GOAL IS TO REDUCE THIS
SHARE TO SOMETHING APPROACHING 27.5 PERCENT. JUDGING
FROM THIS DISCUSSION, WE DOUBT THAT THE FRG WOULD
ACCEPT A PACKAGE WHICH INCLUDES ZERO GROWTH FOR THE
MAJOR EXPORTERS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH OUR SOURCE WAS IN BRUSSELS FOR
THE MAY 3 COUNCIL, HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PRIVY TO
PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS DAVIGNON MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE
FRENCH WHICH APPARENTLY LED TO DAVIGNON'S OPTIMISTIC
FORECAST.
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